ശ്രീ. പി. ടി. ചാക്കോ: അവസാനം കയറി അയക്കണമെന്ന തീരുമാനിച്ചുവോ വേണ്ടന്ന നിശ്ചയിച്ചുവോ ?

ശ്രീ. പനമ്പിള്ളി ഗോവിന്ദമേനോൻ: വേണ്ടെന്ന തീരുമാനിച്ചു.

സാഹിബ് ബഹദൂർ കെ. എ. മുഹമ്മദ്: മരച്ചീനി റിസർച്ചിനായി അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

ശ്രീ. പനമ്പിള്ളി ഗോവിന്ദ മേനോൻ: ഉണ്ട്. പത്തടൻ അയച്ചു. അതു കച്ചവടത്തിനായിട്ടല്ല. ഒരു ചുരുങ്ങിയ കപ്പാസിറി റിസർച്ചിനായി അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്.

CULTIVATION AT SHERTALLAI

*940. [14] **Sri. P. T. Chacko:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Food be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the total amount of food grains produced tn 1949, by cultivation at Shertallai after removing sand by the help of bulldozers;

(*b*) whether the Government are even now working out their scheme; and

(*c*) if the scheme is given up, the reasons for so doing?

Sri. E. John Philipose:

(*a*) Government have no definite figures.

(*b*) Government is working the scheme in the sense that the bulldozer that was doing this work which was undergoing reapirs has been completely repaired; and for the last 21 days it was being worked by private people for the purpose. Government does not at present propose. to do it at Government cost and at Government initiative. But the bulldozer has now been placed at the disposal of anyone who would like to make use of it.

ശ്രീ. പി. ടി. ഏക്കോ: ചേർത്തലയിൽ മണൽമാറി എത്ര ഏക്കർ സ്ഥലത്തു കൃഷിചെയ്തു ?

Sri. E. John Philipose : I have no definite figures about it now.

ശ്രീ. പ. റി. ചാക്കോ: ബുൾഡോസർ ഉപയോഗിച്ച് ഇവിടെ കൃഷി നടത്തുന്നുണ്ടോ ?

Sri. E. John Philipose : For the last 21 days, I understand, private parties have been hiring out the bulldozer and removing sand, so as to make the lands available for paddy cultivation.

ശ്രീ. പി. ടി. ചാക്കോ: അവിടെ കൃഷിചെയ്ത കറെ നെല്ലെങ്കിലും എടുത്തോ?

Sri. E. John Philipose: I cannot say anything definitely.

ശ്രീ. പി. ടി. ചാക്കോ: ചേർത്തലയിൽ ബുൾഡോസർ ഉപയോഗിച്ചു കൃഷിചെയ്യണമെന്ന വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

Sri. E. John Philipose: I have already stated that the Government do not propose to do officially But, if private partis desire the aid of the bulldozer Government will place a it bulldozer at their disposal.

ശ്രീ. പി. ടി. ചാക്കോ: ആരംഭിച്ചതുപോലെതന്നെ മൻപോട്ട കൊണ്ടുപോകണമെന്ന തവണ്ടെന്നു വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

Mr. Speaker : That is asking for an opinon.

Sri. P. T. Chacko: If the scheme has been given up, may I know the reasons for so doing?

Sri. E. John Philipose : I have definitely stated that the scheme has not been completely given up. But the scheme has been given up for a time and the buldozer is now being made available for private parties.

Sri. P. T. Chacko: May I know why such a term was given for the scheme?

Sri. E. John Philipose: Because it was found that its handling by Government led to a lot of confusion and expense and it has been found that, if private persons are prepared to make use of it, there was not the slightest reason why they should not be permitted to do so. That does not mean that on a later occasion Government will not be prepared to undertake this, if it is found feasible or practicable.

Sri. P. T. Chacko: May I take it that the scheme was a failure?

Sri. E. John Philipose: I have not said so.

ശ്രീ. കെ. ആർ. ഇലങ്കത്ത്: അവിടെ എക്സ്പെരിമെന്റിന് എത്ര ചെലവായി?

Sr. E. John Philipose: I have not got the figures.

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ശ്രീ. ജോസഫ് മാത്തൻ: അവിടത്തെ കൃഷി ഫലപ്രദമാണെന്ന വ്യക്തികരം ശവത്തെ ണ്ടിന്റെ ദൃഷ്ടിയിൽ കൊണ്ടുവന്നിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

ശ്രീ. ഇ. ജാൺ ഫിലിപ്പോസ്: അങ്ങനെ പറഞ്ഞുകൊണ്ടാണ് ബ്ലോക്ക്ഡോസർ ഉപയോഗിച്ചു കൃഷിനടത്തിക്കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നത്.

Mr. Speaker: The question is only about the use of it at Shertallai. Hence these questions are not admissible.

ശ്രീ. സി. കേശവൻ: അവിടെ എന്തു ചെലവായി എന്ന് അന്വേഷിക്കാമോ?

ശ്രീ. ഇ. ജാൺ ഫിലിപ്പോസ്: കണക്കുവരുത്തി നോക്കാം.

സാഹിബ് ബഹദൂർ കെ. എ. മുഹമ്മദ്: എന്തു വ്യവസ്ഥയിലാണ് ഇതു കൊടുത്തിരിക്കുന്നത്?

ശ്രീ. ഇ. ജാൺ ഫിലിപ്പോസ്: അതു ഫയൽനോക്കാതെ പറയാൻ സാധിക്കുകയില്ല.

F. I. T.

941. [15] **Sri. K. Ramachandran:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Forests be pleased to state whether Government are aware that staff recruited for the F.I.T. which has ceased to operate are now idle and that some of them are transferred to other divisions of the Forest Department which are themselves overstaffed?

Sri. Panampilli Govinda Menon: A temporary Division at Malayattur was formed to supervise the work of the Forest Industries (Travancore) Ltd. in the F.A.C.T. concession area. When the company suspended work in this area, a few clerks sanctioned for this Division were temporarily deputed to other Divisions to attend to the increased work in connection with the lease of forest area for food production. Now that the work has been re-started in the concession area, the minimum necessary staff has to be posted for the work.

Sri. K. Ramachandran: May I know what percentage of the staff is likely to be retrenched under the new scheme?

Sri. Panampilli Govinda Menon: That is a totally different matter for which I am not ready to give an answer.

F. I. T.

***942.** [16] **Sri. K. Ramachandran:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Forests be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Government have recovered the value of about 50,000 logs of timber and 2,00,000 tons of firewood amounting to over 50 lakhs of rupees from the F.I.T. and

(*b*) the name of the officer who was responsible for this loss?

Sri. Panampilli Govinda Menon:

(*a*) The figures given in the question are incorrect. An amount of Rs. 8 lakhs is outstanding against the Forest Industries (Travancore) and the Fertilisers and Chemicals (Travancor) Ltd., being the value of timber and firewood supplied. Out of this about Rs. 3·9 lakhs is due to adjustment towards bills for roads constructed by the company. Part payments are being made by the firm and the whole amount is expected to be realised in due course.

(*b*) The question does not arise.

TRANSPORT WORKSHOPS AT KOTTARAKARA

***943.** [17] **Sri. K. Ramachandran:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Transport be pleased to state whether Government propose to develop the Transport Workshops at Kottarakara?

Sri. E. John Philipose: Yes.

Sri. K. Ramachandran: May I know the progress so far made in taking over the adjoining lands?

Sri. E. John Philipose: Government have passed orders for the acquisition of 66 cents of land for the extension of the garage foundation and the construction of waiting rooms and the extension of the sanitary convenience at Kottarakara. That acquisition is still pending and the Director of Transport is there today looking into the question and discussing with the Tahsildar so that the matter may be speeded up.

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